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Sir:

Prior to the examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

A¹ 3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the shape and dimensions of the dental element are measured in a patient while using an optical scan technique, preferably a laser technique.

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

A² 5. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein layers of a suitable material are successively applied onto each other by three-dimensional printing and wherein each layer is bonded at desired positions to a preceding layer thereby allowing the removal of excess, non-adhering material.